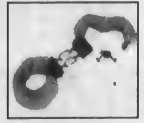




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Presidents Roll In Benjamins

Anderson Remains On Payroll

Frawley's Salary Increased

By KATIE MOLINARO
Assistant Features Editor

Former University of Mary Washington president William Anderson, who retired in May 2006, is still on payroll, receiving \$291,058 for the 2006-07 school year.

The University calls the money an "administrative sabbatical salary." According to Rick Hurley, vice president for administration and finance, this is a standard practice at universities when a president retires.

"That's pretty typical in higher education," Hurley said. "It's paid leave."

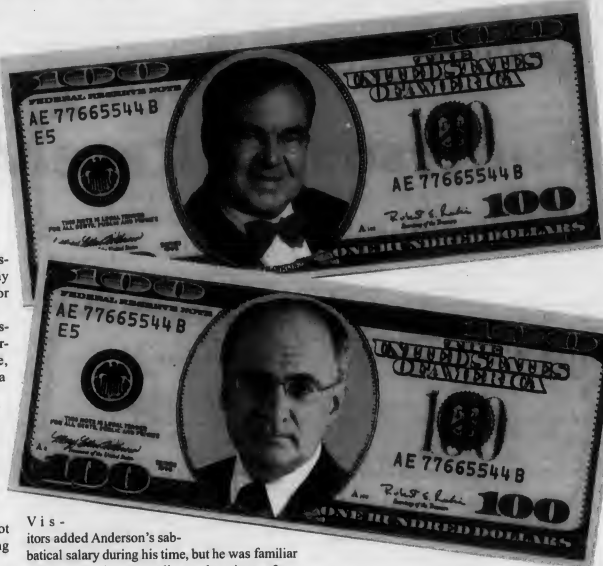
Bill Poole, Board of Visitors rector, agreed.

"Dr. Anderson is a tenured distinguished college professor and as such is entitled to those benefits afforded to other full-time employees of the Commonwealth of Virginia," Poole said in an e-mail. "Obviously, he could not take his earned sabbatical leave while serving full-time as president."

According to Poole, the sabbatical salary was added to Anderson's contract in 1992 by the BOV at the time. However there is no record in the BOV minutes from 1992 of a sabbatical for Anderson, although there is reference in the April 20, 1991 minutes to a resolution for a "Trust Agreement, carrying out the severance pay agreement, between Mary Washington College and President William M. Anderson Jr."

The minutes from that meeting do not include a copy of that agreement, or make any specific reference to a sabbatical for the former president.

Florian "Red" Hofer, who was a member of the BOV from 1987-1995 and rector from 1992-1994, said he couldn't remember if the Board of



Visitors added Anderson's sabbatical salary during his time, but he was familiar with the practice. According to the minutes from April 1991, Hofer was not at the aforementioned meeting.

"It's rather common in university presidents," Hofer said.

However, some members of the campus community think the salary is inappropriate.

Denis Nissim-Sabat, professor of psychology at UMW and former president of the Faculty Senate, thinks the money from Anderson's sabbatical salary could be better used elsewhere.

"There are many needs at our institution," Nissim-Sabat said. "We have people trying to make ends meet and we have this person making an ex-

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By KAITLIN BARKER
Staff Writer

When University of Mary Washington President William Frawley took office he became the highest paid public official in the city of Fredericksburg. Now, though, he is earning even more than he previously did. President Frawley's salary increased Nov. 25 from its previous rate of \$300,000 to \$305,138.

Rick Hurley, vice president of administration and finance, said that Frawley's salary is composed of both a state allotment as well as the University's contribution to that amount from Mary Washington's private funds.

According to Hurley is "the president is considered a state employee so when state employees receive salary increases, they increase the President's salary also."

When the new governor of Virginia was elected, the state's portion of the salary rose by four percent. When Frawley's raise went into effect, more than half of his earnings came from a private fund that was operated by the University's Board of Visitors. This private fund now pays Frawley \$176,678 while the state funds the remainder of his salary which is \$128,460.

Frawley's total compensation package is now \$356,200. These funds also include an automobile, and the mandate that the president reside at the Brompton estate. Hurley said that Frawley does not have to pay any fees to live in the house but is required to host various members of the University community at different times throughout his tenure.

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“It'd be nice to be earning that kind of salary for a full year for not doing any research.”
—Steve Fuller



Elizabeth Nowrouz/Bullet

Fines Reach Thousands As Police Investigate Urination

By ELIZABETH PHELPS
Assistant News Editor

Long-time Residence Life Director Christine Porter has never dealt with anything like the current urination situation in Randolph Hall.

"Certainly in my 20 years I have dealt with bodily waste issues," Porter said. "I have had people who have vomited, and I've had people who have defecated, and I've had people who have urinated, but normally it's a one-off."

Housekeeping staff in the dorm have re-

ported 19 incidents of urination since Sept. 27.

Housekeepers have found urine in hallways, stairways, a study lounge, and a custodial closet.

In each case, when the urine was discovered it was reported to Residence Life and campus police before it was cleaned by the housekeeping staff.

According to University of Mary Washington Police Chief James Snipes, once it became an ongoing problem and not an isolated inci-

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Randolph Hall residents have been charged thousands of dollars in fines as a result of 19 incidents of public urination in the building since September. Police are investigating a recent new lead.

Student Arrested In Connection With Thefts

Randolph Resident Charged With Burglary And Grand Larceny, Linked To Over \$40,000 In Stolen UMW Property

By ERICA JACKSON
News Editor

On Nov. 15, UMW junior David Ware was arrested in connection with the theft of University property with an estimated value of over \$40,000. Charged with five counts of burglary, five counts of grand larceny and petit larceny, Ware was released on a recognizance bond and is awaiting his trial set for Jan. 30.

According to court records, Ware has been charged with incidents ranging from Sept. 6 to Oct. 20, three of which occurred in Trinkle Hall, with the other two taking place in Jefferson Hall and Jepson Hall.

On the night of Nov. 15, Sgt. Wallace Janish of the UMW Police spotted Ware carrying a weighed-down garbage bag outside of Jepson Hall. Upon entering the building he found Ware and the bag containing two stolen projectors. Janish arrested Ware on the spot.

During the subsequent search of Ware's room in Randolph Hall, police recovered more University property. Other items were later found

in residence hall rooms in the possession of students unaware that it was stolen property.

Besides the two projectors found in Ware's possession the night of his arrest, he was charged with the theft of two more projectors valued at \$2,100, as well as several laptop computers, a flash drive, a calculator, and an iPod, each valued at over \$200. All were University property.

Police also recovered a number of UMW keys in Ware's possession, many of which were homemade. According to Lieutenant David Cooper, Ware had used some type of "international fitting keys" to enter the buildings in which the thefts took place.

Besides the stolen property, police discovered bottles of a urine-like substance in Ware's room. The liquid is currently being analyzed in the crime lab.

Police connected this discovery with the 19 incidents of public urination that have occurred in Randolph Hall since Sept., costing residents thousands of dollars in fines. Cooper confirmed that Ware is a suspect, noting that all of the incidents occurred on the fourth floor, where Ware lived, and that no incidents have occurred since Ware's arrest.

Cooper, a former investigator, revealed that such behavior is not uncommon.

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5 Day Forecast



Today

Cloudy
High: 73
Low: 59



Friday

Rain, Thunder
High: 70
Low: 38



Saturday

Partly Cloudy
High: 54
Low: 34



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
High: 52
Low: 34



Monday

Partly Cloudy
High: 45
Low: 28

Verbatim...

"I wrestled in a Star Trek costume. That happened one time. Just once."

—Phil Stamper, page 11

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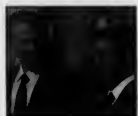
WORLD

Riga, Latvia: NATO leaders have recently agreed to ease the restrictions on the use of foreign troops in Afghanistan. According to a spokesperson for the organization, 26,000 more of the 32,000 troops on the ground will be more usable for combat in extreme situations. In reference to the ongoing struggles in Afghanistan, the NATO Secretary-General has said "it is winnable, it is being won, but not won yet."

—cnn.com

Amman, Jordan: Jordan's King Abdullah II has said that he will press President Bush to focus more attention on pushing for peace in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, which he has referred to as the "core" issue in the Middle East. Bush and Abdullah are scheduled to meet in Jordan this week, but it is expected that Bush will steer conversations toward resolving Iraq.

—cnn.com



Bush and Abdullah

Turkey: Pope Benedict XVI has begun his trip to Turkey, his first visit to an Islamic country since assuming his role as head of the Catholic Church in 2005. There have been protestors reaching the tens of thousands as Benedict begins the trip which he hopes will build a bridge between both nations and cultures.

—cnn.com

NATION

Richmond: The Virginia appeals court has ruled to grant joint custody to a same-sex couple after the dissolution of their union, which they gained in Vermont. The union was not recognized in Virginia, which considers all same-sex partnerships "void in all respects." According to presiding judge Jere M.H. Willis, Jr., "this case does not place before us the question whether Virginia recognizes the civil union entered into parties in Vermont...[but whether] Virginia can deny full faith and credit to the orders of the Vermont court."

—washingtonpost.com

Washington, D.C.: A federal judge has ordered the Bush administration to resume its programs making housing benefits available to the thousands of victims of Hurricane Katrina. The ruling stated that FEMA failed to explain why it had ended its 18-month housing assistance program for people who lost their homes in the 2005 storm.

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Los Angeles: A federal judge has ruled that portions of a presidential order blocking financial assistance to terrorist groups are unconstitutional. The groups in question, deemed terrorist organizations by the government, are the Kurdistan Workers' Party and Sri Lankan Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. This ruling is another blow to the Bush administration's defense of its aggressive anti-terrorism tactics.

—nytimes.com

WEIRD

Lynchburg: A man who dresses up as a giant cigarette to discourage children from smoking has been charged with bigamy. With a character known as "Douglas 'Dude' Cigarette," Philip Williams has reportedly had up to four wives, the fourth one not finding out until she saw child support notices in the mail.

—AP

Monona, Wis.: Police have recently stripped a local chapter of the International Order of Old Bastards of the exotic dancers who have performed at their meetings for years, citing a need for an adult entertainment permit. The club, comprised of over 1 million members worldwide, has no charities or social agenda, meets quarterly, and was begun in 1945.

—AP

Johannesburg, South Africa: One of South Africa's most dangerous criminals has escaped a maximum security prison by lathering his body in petroleum jelly and sliding through the window of his cell. The man, awaiting trial on 51 charges including murder, attempted murder and rape, is the first successful escapee of the prison since it opened 36 years ago.

—AP



Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Editor In Chief



Nov. 15—At 5:25 p.m., police received a report that someone stole a fire extinguisher from UMW Apartment building eight. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 16—At 6:30 a.m. residence life reported that there was a homeless man in the stairwell of UMW Apartment building eight. Police issued Lawrence Kenny, a 22-year-old male of no fixed address, a trespass warning.

Nov. 16—At 4:17 p.m., a female reported to police that she found a marijuana pipe on the ground under the James Farmer statue. An officer retrieved the broken pipe and disposed of it properly.

Nov. 17—2 p.m., a student reported to police that someone stole the seat off of her bicycle, valued at \$15. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 18—At 8:25 p.m., police received a report of smoke coming from a dumpster behind Bushnell Hall. The Fredericksburg Fire Department responded and discovered a bag in the dumpster was on fire. They extinguished the blaze.

Nov. 19—At 2:30 a.m., facilities services reported to police that a sourwood tree, valued at \$300, was pulled from the ground and left on campus walk. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 19—At 3:21 a.m., police received a call from an 18-year-old female resident of Virginia Hall, saying that she was short of breath after being hit in the throat by a water balloon. Police discovered two 18-year-old and one 19-year-old male residents of Alvey Hall with a three-person sling-shot in Ball Circle. According to the victim, she was walking around Ball Circle when she tried to duck behind a column to avoid being hit by the water balloons. A balloon struck her in the throat and chest, causing her to be short of breath. The three males were referred to the administration.

Nov. 20—At 8:20 a.m., police received a report that a trashcan was missing from the parking deck and that a manhole cover was destroyed. Police estimate damages at \$600. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Anderson To Receive \$300K

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orbitant amount of money."

Nissim-Sabat was also surprised that other universities provide sabbatical salaries for presidents. "I didn't know universities had a policy of giving golden parachutes the way corporate America does," he said.

Senior Aaron Samsel, a representative of the Living Wage Campaign and the Labor Rights Club at UMW, also thinks the University is misusing the money.

"That is simply outrageous that he is still receiving money for doing absolutely nothing this school year," Samsel said.

Samsel said he feels most sorry for the housekeepers and contracted Sodexo workers on campus.

"All of these workers would likely be able to quit their second jobs, which the vast majority currently need in order to make ends meet, if President Anderson's theft of the school was distributed fairly," Samsel said.

Steve Fuller, professor of biology at UMW and president of the Faculty Senate, thinks the term sabbatical is a misnomer.

"It looks like it's not really a sabbatical," Fuller said about Anderson's leave. "It's kind of a loose interpretation of what a sabbatical is supposed to be."

Fuller, who has not taken a sabbatical during his 35 years at the University, thought Anderson's arrangement would be a relaxing way to spend a year.

"It'd be nice to be earning that kind of salary for a full year for not doing any research," Fuller

said.

Hurley said the sabbatical salary is not given to a president who goes to a new job or who is dismissed. Other administrative positions are also eligible for a sabbatical salary.

"It's only done below the level of the president when there have been long periods of employment involved, like Phil Hall," Hurley said.

Phil Hall, who was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty for 19 years, retired in 2004 and received a salary of \$126,678 for the following year.

Hurley said Anderson's retirement is not what people usually associate with the word sabbatical.

"Sabbatical leave usually has a research or writing project associated with it, but it doesn't always," he said. "It's a very commonly used expression in an institution of higher education."

A faculty sabbatical is different. Rosemary Barra, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, said tenured faculty are eligible every seven years to apply for a sabbatical, which is paid time off for research or other academic pursuits. The University is able to offer a maximum of 10 sabbaticals a year, which includes some semester-long sabbaticals and some year-long.

"The expectations and activities would be different [for Anderson]," Barra said.

At other schools administrative sabbatical salaries are also viewed as a common practice.

Kathy Worster, vice president for administration and finance at Longwood University, thought sabbatical salaries seemed normal.

"I think it's kind of a standard thing if they don't take a sabbatical during their term," she said.

Worster also explained that the policy might

vary among colleges because spending student fees is left to the discretion of each school's Board of Visitors.

"It is up to your Board of Visitors to decide how they want to use their funds," Worster said. "Usually the arrangement that people have with the president is on an individual basis at each school."

Konjit Yohannes, human resources information systems manager at Longwood University, said in an e-mail that William Dorrill, who retired as president of Longwood in 1996, received two payments of \$18,750 immediately after his retirement.

According to Brian Whitson, freedom of information officer at the College of William & Mary, Timothy Sullivan, who retired from his position of president of the college in 2005, received a sabbatical salary. The salary came from private funds.

"The President is the only administrator at the College of William & Mary who is eligible to receive sabbatical compensation upon retirement," Whitson said in an e-mail.

Anderson's sabbatical salary comes from the comprehensive fee, which funds such things as the debate club, athletics and students' fees on the Fredericksburg city bus. The money left over goes into a contingency fund for one-time and unexpected expenses, such as the new locks and security in Trinkle Hall.

"It's basically the balance left in the fund at the end of the year," Hurley said. "If every department at the University spent all the money that it was allocated you wouldn't have a fund balance."

Anderson was president of the University for 22 years. His salary for the 2005-06 school year was the same amount he is being paid now. He could not be reached for comment.

Hall Faces Fines Student Faces Felony Charges

Randolph Hall's Fines Increase As Urination Continues To Be A Public Problem

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dent, housekeeping reported the incidents through e-mail and cleaned the urine immediately.

Snipes was unable to comment on the ongoing investigation. According to Porter, there are no current suspects.

"Unfortunately, [we cannot] narrow it down [to] male, female, one person, two people, a club," Porter said. "I don't mean to make light of it; it's a very serious situation."

Since the incidents began, residence life has taken a number of steps to curtail the problem, including increasing rounds by the Head Resident, holding mandatory floor meetings, and increasing the amount of the fine each time urine must be cleaned by housekeeping.

The fines ranged from \$100 to \$425, according to the community damage reports on the UMW Web site.

The cost was determined by Porter and Associate Vice President of Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth, who declined to comment on the situation.

Many Randolph residents, including Charlotte Rowell, are upset by the charges.

"I'm mad because the whole building has to be penalized for

one guy or girl," Rowell, a sophomore, said. "It's absurd and annoying. They need to stop because it's really uncalled for."

Sophomore Matt Greer agrees. "It sucks, pretty much," Greer said. "It's pretty excessive—it's only \$1.50 per person, but it adds up eventually."

Even after the preventative measures were put into place, incidents continued to occur, something that Porter finds troublesome.

"I have to admit to being incredibly frustrated," Porter said.

"I think my staff and the housekeeping staff, certainly, are frustrated."

The motive of the incidents also remains unclear. According to an unidentified source, the urination could be the result of tension in Randolph Hall.

"In Randolph this year there's a lot of anger going around between the RAs and the residents and the HR," the student said. "Housekeeping is mad at the residents and housekeeping is mad at the RAs. It's gotten really bad there."

Never having seen something like this before, Porter is uncertain about the reason behind the urination.

"I've seen incidents over the 20 years of people who, I call it the 'retribution pee.' Where they're angry, so they go take a squat in front of somebody's door. That has happened," Porter said. "Nineteen incidents in one building is inexplicable."

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"It's not all that unusual," Cooper said. "It has something to do with the excitement, the adrenaline, the controlling of it."

While Cooper asserted that the entire case is still under investigation, he did say that Ware has been a suspect in the thefts for several months. He also revealed that Ware is the only suspect in the abundance of on-campus burglaries that have occurred this year.

"The biggest part of the investigation right now is looking into the fencing part: where was he getting rid of so much material and how was he going about doing that," Cooper said.

Police are currently speculating that Ware was selling the property through "a company out of New York," or eBay, according to Cooper. Sgt. Joseph Samuels is the head investigator in the case.

According to UMW Police Chief James Snipes, burglary is the entrance into a building with the intent to commit a larceny, while grand larceny is the theft of something valued at \$200 or more. Both charges carry penalties of between one and 20 years in jail.

Ware was also charged with petit larceny in connection with the theft of the keys and U.S. currency valued at less than \$200.

Snipes is not surprised that the suspect is a UMW student.

"Being a student here, it's easy to blend in," Snipes said. "Carrying a laptop out of a building wouldn't be suspicious, even if students or officers see him."

Senior Zach Bowman, Ware's suitemate, expressed the sentiments of many who knew the quiet chemistry major from Maidens, Va.

"Everybody was really

shocked, just because he was a nice guy," Bowman said. "He pretty much stayed to himself."

Junior Ashley Hobbs, Ware's girlfriend of five years, was also surprised at her boyfriend's arrest.

"I do not believe that he is guilty, but I can not speculate on the evidence because his defense is ongoing," Hobbs said in an e-mail interview. "I believe it's generally accepted that someone is innocent until they are proven guilty."

Although he never suspected Ware of the charges brought against him, Bowman did note that his suitemate seemed to have an endless supply of money, and he regularly came home with new computers, TV's, stereo systems, and a robotic vacuum cleaner.

Bowman also reported often seeing boxes sitting in Ware's room addressed to people throughout the country. Ware would only joke as to the boxes' contents.

"Looking back on that it would be easy to say, 'Why would someone have that much money,'" Bowman said. "I think we always wrote it off because we live on a fairly wealthy campus, and there are kids who just get money from their parents. When something like this happens you can always look back and see all these things that look suspicious."

Although Ware declined to comment, Hobbs has remained in close contact with him.

"He is very upset over what happened," Hobbs said. "His life and future plans have been completely and irreversibly changed by these accusations. Davey is a genuine, intelligent, beautiful individual who deserves the benefit of the doubt from the Mary Washington community until the issue is resolved in court."

Viewpoints

Vote On Diversity

Tonight at 7 p.m. in Monroe 204, students have the power to decide history.

The Student Government Association (SGA) will debate and vote upon whether a Diversity and Unity Coordinating Committee (DUCC) belongs in the SGA Constitution. This committee would address concerns related to diversity on campus.

Students would be able to elect a campus representative to represent diversity-seeking organizations. The proposed measures would provide additional grant money to student organizations to advance the values of our University.

All four-year public colleges and universities in Virginia have created similar committees at the student government level. Except this one.

Jay Sinha, SGA President, supports the creation of the committee. Pointing to the University's Statement of Community Values, he said "the benefits to this committee are innumerable. It is time for us to show we are proud of our diversity at this University."

Believe it or not, there are some who oppose the proposed initiative.

During the entire process tonight, students will have the opportunity to vote on this issue. All you have to do is show up.

Here is a chance to change the future and the culture of this campus. Will you take it?

Feast And Resist For Change

Students, Community Members Collaborate In Solidarity With The Popular Movement In Oaxaca, Mexico

By MARTA GARCIA
and AARON SAMSEL
Guest Columnists

The tables were all set as people began to pour through the doors of Poppy Hill Tuscan Kitchen. UMW students scrambled in the kitchen to make sure the food was all prepped, hot and ready to go out to the buffet table.

This was no ordinary night at Poppy Hill, however. The rich, white, middle-aged, conservative customers that normally frequent the restaurant, were replaced by a mix of UMW students and professors and Latino community activists; the delicate Tuscan cuisine of northern Italy was replaced by the traditional home cooked comida of southern Mexico.

On all the walls were photos of massive protests, militarized police, and people living through it.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, a benefit dinner was held to support independent media and the popular movement in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Student activists who were normally involved in such groups as the Labor Rights Club, the Human Rights Club, Students Stopping the Trafficking Of People, the Anarchist Social Theory Club, Students Helping Honduras, the Green Party and PRISM came together to cook traditional Mexican food such as tamales, tacos dorados, mole, flan, rice and beans to raise money to support the struggle for justice in southern Mexico.

The students were working with Madre Tierra, a Latino community organization that works on issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault among immigrants in Fredericksburg.

For many college students in the U.S., Mexico exists only as an ideal spring break destination. Cancun with its wet T-shirt contests, while entertaining to some, is not an adequate portrayal of the country and its different cultural, linguistic, culinary and political characteristics.

While many will flock to Mexico's beaches during the winter and spring break, they will be unaware of the political unrest that exists currently in the state of Oaxaca.

Since May of this year, a teachers' protest against inadequate funding for rural schools has gained momentum and snowballed into a movement to build a more democratic political system and to force the resignation of Ulises Ruiz Ortiz, governor of the state.

The response from the governor, his police forces and paramilitaries has been brutal, creating a state of fear and extreme tension among people living in the state.

We believe that this protest has not received a due amount of coverage in the U.S. media. Political unrest in developing countries is seldom taken seriously (unless it's in the Middle East, but let's not open that can of worms) as long as it poses no



Photo Courtesy Alexandra Borys

Students and community activists held a benefit dinner on Nov. 19 at Poppy Hill Tuscan Kitchen.

direct threat, economically or otherwise, to the U.S.

Yet here we have our neighbor, right on our doorstep, experiencing civil unrest and "dirty-war" style government repression.

The corruption of government officials, along with the culturally-destructive economic projects throughout the country have resulted in major movements for democratization of politics and the economy.

This is manifesting itself in three main focal points. One is a national social movement called the Other Campaign, a set of local, regional and national networks and coalitions of dialogue to construct "a new way of doing politics" that rejects both party politics and capitalism as anti-democratic.

Another (clearly separate) movement results from Mexico's tumultuous electoral politics. The presidential elections last July, riddled with fraud and inconsistencies and with a razor-narrow difference in the vote (about 0.6 percent), resulted in major disputes and protest about the legitimacy of the vote.

The Partido del Revolucion Democrática (PRD) has taken the bold step to construct this parallel government and challenge the legitimacy of the president-elect Felipe Calderon. The struggle in Oaxaca is the third and most volatile of these focal points.

At the benefit dinner, Doña Maria, one of the women from Madre Tierra, spoke clearly about the situation in Oaxaca. A Fredericksburg resident and immigrant from Oaxaca, she made clear the urgent need for support of the movement against the police and paramilitary repression. The governor of Oaxaca responded to the teachers' movement with a militarized police force that attacked the teachers with batons and gas grenades.

Hundreds of organizations across the state re-

sponded with the firm demand that the governor resign. Upon his refusal, they formed a statewide popular assembly called the Asamblea Popular de los Pueblos de Oaxaca (APPO) to make a democratic parallel government.

Instead of stepping down or negotiating, the governor has gone into hiding, mobilized police and armed paramilitaries. Over the past six months nearly 20 people have been killed, dozens disappeared and hundreds injured.

Well, you may say, how does this affect the U.S.? It's not our blood that's being spilled. But it is.

On Oct. 27, a young indymedia reporter from New York, Bradley Roland Will, was fatally shot by paramilitaries. In Mexico, the federal government used his death as an excuse to send in thousands of officers from the Federal Preventative Police (PFP) in order to crush the APPO and the teachers' movement.

In the U.S., the only governmental statement that was issued was that this death was a lamentable occurrence and that they cautioned U.S. citizens against traveling to Oaxaca.

Oaxaca is one of the most wondrous places to which a person could go. The contrast between the old and the new is so profound and exciting that it moves one's inner core.

At the same time, the stigma that the lower classes and indigenous (although when talking about these groups they are usually one and the same in Mexico) face is severely marked and apparent to all.

When we were told that the protests had started because of inadequate funding to rural schools, we were not surprised but merely puzzled that it had taken people this long to voice it.

I mean, we're talking of region that, unless it's urban, rich and touristic, has unpaved roads, very few hospitals and that subsists off of the staples, beans and tortillas.

And yet, these are the people, the indigenous race, that are glorified in Diego Rivera's murals on the walls of the National Palace.

So when you start planning your vacations and you bask in the warm sun on Mexican beaches, remember that the sun does not shine for everyone equally.

While you live in your world, others will live in their world as well, but their world is not as comfortable, as healthy, as loved and as respected as yours.

The people who are being oppressed are much like you, in that they belong to the human race. Had they been born somewhere else they could have been your teachers, your loved ones, your friends.

With this in mind, we are moved by and stand in firm solidarity with the Oaxacan teachers' movement and the APPO.

Maria Garcia and Aaron Samsel are seniors.

Dorms Declining

This letter was written in response to "BOV Calls For Dorm Upgrades," (Nov. 16, 2006, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

I was glad to read about the upgrades to existing dormitories planned in the near future and the major renovations anticipated. However, I am a bit apprehensive about the ideas for construction of new dorms.

It is high time the school spent more money on dorm furnishing and decoration. Although we apparently are flush with money in an "auxiliary fund," I would not mind paying \$10 or \$20 more per year to make our common rooms more inviting.

It is also interesting to note how the buildings have declined since they were new. A description of Russell Hall when it first opened in 1965: "...an oblong lobby with curving stairways at each end which led to a spacious library above...a garden room behind the lobby...with fountain, water lilies, and a willow tree. Lantern-type

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The More You Know

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Features

Senior Survives Attacks In Beirut

By AMAL OMER
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University of Mary Washington senior Michelle Welcher received a rude awakening on the morning of July 14. She had spent the night at her cousin's house in Beirut, Lebanon, where Welcher was taking an intensive Arabic language course, when bombs suddenly began raining down on the city around 4 a.m.

"As soon as it hit, we blew out of bed. I was screaming and running out of the room to find someone," Welcher said. "It felt like there was a bomb in my street, like right outside of my house, that's how loud and scary it was."

Welcher, who hopes to some day work in Lebanon, had only been in Beirut for about a month when the attacks began. The attacks were from the Israelis, retaliating against Hezbollah, a militia group made up of mostly south Lebanese Shiites, after Hezbollah had captured two Israeli soldiers in a raid days earlier.

Despite her worries of the situation, Welcher was intent on staying in Lebanon, which is located on the Mediterranean Sea on the border of Syria and Israel.

"You can't be scared all the time because then you're just going to go crazy," Welcher said. "Plus based on the lack of information, we believed we were safer staying in Lebanon."

However, Welcher's cousin, who is Italian, grew fearful of the situation and made the decision to evacuate with the Italian government.

"She's only 14 and it was important for her to evacuate because she was very upset and scared," Welcher said.

Welcher, who is a math major, took comfort in the general attitude of the country.

"No one else was scared. Everyone else was like 'We're getting bombed again.' It helped a lot having everyone else's attitude of: this is just another war," Welcher said.

The country had been involved in a 25-year civil war.



Courtesy of Michelle Welcher

Above, members from the American Red Cross, the State Department, the Red Crescent and the U.S. Marines hand out water to a crowd of people waiting to be evacuated from Lebanon. Right, Michelle Welcher traveling aboard the ship which took her from Beirut to Cyprus.

"I didn't want to evacuate [but Israel] started shelling Beirut heavily and destroying all the roads leading to Syria and moved [their] navy to the ports. They [also] started shelling from the boats," Welcher said.

After hearing news of this, along with a rumor that Israel was planning on invading Lebanon, Welcher's parents intervened.

"There was a only a finite amount of time the Americans were going to evacuate [and it] became apparent that they weren't getting



Courtesy of Michelle Welcher

close to cease fire, and I didn't want her stuck there indefinitely," said John Welcher, her father.

"My parents called and my dad was on the phone and said very calmly, 'Michelle, it's time

to come home, you need to evacuate,'" Welcher said.

According to the State Department Web site, between July 16 and Aug. 2, 15,000 Americans were evacuated from the country.

Welcher, whose mother is originally from Lebanon, was in the country visiting her family and taking an intensive-Arabic-language course at the University of St. Joseph located in Beirut. She said UMW's study abroad office would not sponsor her trip and told her she would have to take a leave of absence from the University, and then apply for credit for her Arabic classes once she returned.

Welcher was determined to study in Lebanon and set out on the trip, ignoring the risk of the school not accepting her language credits. However, she hadn't planned on the risks of a being caught in the middle of a war.

"If a program is on the State Department's warning list then UMW cannot endorse that program," said Chris Music, director of international academic services.

Music said such a stringent policy is due to liability reasons, which requires the school to take the possibility of such incidents in account when sending a student abroad.

"If something happens to that student, in the end the University would be held accountable. It's a way for the institution to protect itself," Music said.

The class had only met for two weeks with its last meeting the day before Welcher was awoken by the bombings. She had already heard some bombing on that last day of class, which could be heard in the far distance. However, the bombing was miles away in the south of Lebanon and not in Beirut itself. Welcher said during their breaks, the students would turn on the TV to listen to the news.

She described the politics of the situation as "complicated," adding, "I don't support kidnapping Israeli soldiers but I don't support

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Sex Toy Parties Growing Popular Among Female Students

By MEGAN GRIGORIAN
Staff Writer

Nowadays if you R.S.V.P. to a slumber party you're probably agreeing to a more X-rated celebration, so don't grab the popcorn and stack of chick flicks just yet.

One of the growing trends among young women on college campuses is throwing Romance Enhancement Parties, a gathering of friends to learn about and purchase sexual products. Around Fredericksburg, the nationally known Slumber Parties is the go-to business for hosting these events.

Arranged much like your mother's cookware party, a local distributor sets up an informative presentation

on everything from lotions and oils (like X-Scream - Butter Cream Icing or Nympho Niagra) to bath products and toys for the bedroom.

Recently, seniors Marta Alley and Jennifer Parsick paired up to host a party for the girls in their Psychology of Human Sexuality course. On Nov. 18, 20 eager and excited ladies showed up at Alley's apartment ready to have some fun.

"It was my first time doing or going to anything like this, and it was definitely a tasteful, nice experience," Alley said. "I'm not a sexually-extroverted kind of person, and I think the whole evening was just an educational, good time; lots of laughs and girl-time."

The relaxed and tasteful environment is something that Slumber Parties pride themselves on. Local distributor Kimberly Dawson, who conducted Parsick and Alley's party, feels it is important to create a comfortable atmosphere, without being raunchy or crude.

"We're known for being classier than some of the other companies," Dawson said. "The whole point is to empower women and make them more comfortable with their sexuality."

All the products that are sold at the parties are hand chosen by the company at trade shows to ensure high quality and safety.

What most partygoers enjoy about the experience is avoiding the embarrassing trip to an adult novelty store. Tina Deanda, a Fredericksburg resident and another Slumber Party attendee, prefers these types of parties for purchasing sexual products.

"I would much rather go to a party with my girlfriends than a sketchy sextoy shop," she said.

After presenting all of the products, the distributor takes orders in another room to ensure privacy and eliminate awkwardness. The distributor has most of the products in stock, so there is minimal to no waiting time. The products range in price from \$10 to \$130.

Guests also have a chance to receive free prizes and

discounts by winning competitions such as the Sperm Penis maze, Pass the Dildo, and trivia quizzes.

Sorry guys, these parties are female-only but according to sophomore Andrea Thurston, who attended a party a month ago, the men aren't completely missing out.

"Men aren't allowed to go, but obviously most of the guys love it when they're girlfriends do," she said.

Although Dawson said that 50 percent of the parties she does are for college or college age students, mothers and older women are taking advantage of this new movement too.

Parsick wanted to host this party after attending one at a friend's house last semester.

"It's so much fun," she said. "Even to just pass around the displays and giggle and say 'Oh my God, Look at that.'"

According to Alley, there are more benefits to being a hostess than just a good time with your girlfriends. It does not cost anything and minimal work is involved.

"I set out snack food and made sure my place was clean, and that's all there was too it," Alley said. "Plus, if you host, you get 10 percent of whatever is sold that night in free products of your choice, and if 15 or more girls come, you get an extra \$50 in free products of your choosing. Nobody is required to buy anything, and ordering stuff is pressure free."

Both Parsick and Alley agree that some girls are a little timid at first, but at the end of the night everyone loosens up.

"I was nervous about it because I didn't know what to expect," Alley said. "I'd never even seen any of these products before, and I didn't think I'd be interested in what they'd be selling. Surprise. They sold all kinds of things, from lip gloss to books to battery-operated stuff and at the very least, it was a lot of fun."

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Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To the space between.



To the end of flag football season.



To 23-year-old seniors.



To playing the electronic keyboard.

Student Is One Of 15,000 Americans Evacuated From Lebanon

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killing Lebanese citizens."

As the conflict heightened, Welcher's family along with other Lebanese citizens began buying gasoline, cracked wheat and water in bulk.

"My aunt filled up her car with gas every other day, so she would always have a full tank," Welcher said.

There were also times where Welcher saw the smoke from the explosions. Hoping to make light of their situation, Welcher and her cousins joked about whether the bombs came from the planes or ships. She recalls the situation growing so tense that people would flinch at the drop of a pan in the kitchen or slamming of a door in fear of it being the sound of a bomb.

Welcher also witnessed refugees packed in small sedans loaded with the maximum capacity of necessities. Some refugees began living in schools and many times walked the streets with nothing to do.

"There were a lot of refugees in our neighborhood," she said. "One family moved in with their sister, [with their] five kids, one of them was three. I couldn't help thinking that this child has seen things our Marines see."

The Higher Relief Council, a Lebanese government organization which handles humanitarian emergencies, reported that 1,191 citizens were killed in the Israeli attacks, 974,184 were displaced and 200,000 remain refugees. A BBC report said the United Nations found many of the dead were children.

Ranjit Singh, an assistant professor of political science at UMW, said it's difficult to predict what's going to happen in Lebanon's future but says a lot of it depends on Lebanese politics and whether the Lebanese government and people will support Hezbollah.

Since the conflict has arisen, the United Nations implemented the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1701, which boosts the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, which was first es-

tablished in 1978, to assure the withdrawal of Israel from Lebanon.

"[United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon] significantly beefs up the UN forces there, in terms of arms, bringing in heavy armaments such as tanks," Singh said.

According to a BBC news report the resolution has achieved part of its goal as Israel has withdrawn its troops from the southern part of Lebanon. However, Israeli troops still remain in the small border village of Ghajar. The withdrawal of these troops will complete the requirements of the U.N. 1701. Though, Hezbollah still holds the two Israeli soldiers captive.

Once she came to the decision that she would have to evacuate, approximately a week after the bombing of Beirut, Welcher took the first step by registering with the American embassy. Hesitant to evacuate and under the impression that she would be stuck in Cyprus, an island located on the easternmost part of the Mediterranean sea, she first went to check out the scene at the Beirut Port, where the evacuations were being conducted.

"We live about a half-hour away from the port, we drove right to it, parked the car and walked onto the bridge where the potential evacuees were waiting," Welcher said.

There she spoke with relatives of people who had left the country. Welcher found speaking to these sources offered her more clarity on the evacuation process, as opposed to sources such as the State Department and American Embassy.

She also learned that some of the hopeful evacuees had waited between 10 to 12 hours. After which they still didn't get on a ship, having to return to the port the next day. Others went as far as sleeping at the port.

Welcher returned the next day at 6 a.m. and was able to board a ship at around 12:30 p.m. After six hours of waiting for approximately 800 evacuees to be flown to the ship, they sailed to Cyprus.

There, they were taken to an evacuation camp in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, where the U.S. Marines, State Department, Red Cross, Red Crescent and a local relief aid group, greeted them.

"It was really frustrating but at the same time they were trying to make it as comfortable for us as they could," said Welcher.

She also took comfort in making friends with another evacuee traveling alone.

"I met a boy named Sam and we were pretty much stuck together like glue. Between the two of us we were able to get each other through," she said.

After a 24-hour wait in Cyprus, the evacuees boarded a United States Air Force C-17 cargo plane, where they did not learn of their next stop of Germany until an hour into the flight.



Courtesy of Michelle Welcher

A shot of Martyr's Square (left) and Hariri's Mosque, both located in the city of Beirut. These were some of Welcher's favorite places to visit before she was evacuated from Lebanon.

There Welcher was one of the few to receive a limited supply of calling cards being distributed.

Welcher remembers vividly what she said in her first conversation with her family back in the states: "Hi mom, I'm in Germany, don't know where I'm going but I'll call you when I get there."

Her mother urged her to stay strong and not to get upset. After waiting about three-and-a-half hours, the evacuees re-boarded the same plane and this time did not hear of their next stop until three hours into the flight.

They learned they would be going to New Jersey, which would be their final destination.

There, Welcher's family surprised her by meeting her at the airport.

Welcher's mother, Carol, found the reunion to be very emotional.

"I'm crying right now even thinking about it. I was grateful, grateful for God bringing her home," she said. "I was worried about how she would feel, because I knew that she didn't want to come back. I worried about her not having slept but at the same time grateful that she was safe," she said.

Though Welcher was relieved to be home and to have endured the 72-hour evacuation, she still holds mixed emotions about her experience.

"I was so relieved to get off the evacuation but at the same time I was still very upset because I had to leave and I was exhausted, exhausted beyond belief," she said.

Welcher estimates having slept a total of eight hours in her three days of evacuating.

Despite the turn of events in her trip, Welcher is adamant about returning to Lebanon.

"Anyone who knows me knows that I left my heart in Lebanon. The deal I made with my parents before I went to Lebanon was my next trip will be after I graduate from Mary Washington, and that is still the case," Welcher said. "In my three trips to Lebanon, I learned you have to expect the unexpected. Whether it's someone coming to your house at 9:30 a.m. to visit or your plans constantly change you hope for the best, and plan for the worst, and enjoy all the time in between."

"No one else was scared. Everyone else was like 'We're getting bombed again.' It helped a lot having everyone else's attitude of: this is just another war."

—Michelle Welcher

'Infected Individual's' Long Path To Recovery

By STEFANIE SKY
Staff Writer

Friday, Oct. 27, seemed like any other day. I got up, went to my classes and then went to work at 4 o'clock and I felt perfectly fine. What I didn't know about was the bacteria in my blood that was just waiting to attack my body later.

I got home from work around 10 p.m. and, being the 21-year-old college student that I am, I changed into comfortable clothes and started doing laundry and cleaning my house, which at this point is a fact I wish I were making up.

Around midnight I started feeling the muscles in my calves start to tense up which I attributed to the fact that I had worn heels during my hostess shift at work, but within a half hour the muscles in both my legs were cramping so badly that it made it hard to walk up and down the steps of

my house without pain. Within an hour my entire body was in pain and I could barely move. I felt as though I had gone through hell-week in one day and this is how my body felt afterwards.

Thinking it was stress and that my body was just tense, I took a hot shower to try and loosen my muscles and after I put on layers of clothes, I tried to relax my body. But that was only the beginning.

The next symptom was a fever, which sent chills throughout my body causing me to shake and, because my muscles were so tight, put me in even more pain. Finally, after calling my sister home at three in the morning to calm me down, I was able to

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fall asleep, though I kept waking throughout the night.

I woke up early Saturday morning with a terrible headache and a stiff neck. After an hour of still being barely able to move, I called my father in New Jersey and asked him to come down while my sister proceeded to take me to the Mary Washington Hospital emergency room.

After the first run-through with the nurse as to why I was there, it wasn't long before they brought me in the back and gave me a bed. My fever was around 102 degrees and I was still shivering with five blankets on me. I had an IV in my left arm which they gave me fluids through and morphine for the pain which made me even more nauseous than I already had been that day.

My right arm was subjected to multiple pricks where blood cultures were taken and blood was drawn.

Chest X-rays came next and finally a spinal tap to check for meningitis. I held the nurse's hand, as the doctor told me not to move, while she stuck a needle in

my spine with no local anesthetic. It's nice to know that doctors still have a sense of humor.

After my spinal tap was found to be clear, I was released with perocet for my pain and nausea medicine.

I spent Sunday in bed and though the perocet helped a little, I still had trouble moving around. By Monday morning I was summoned back to the hospital. My blood cultures showed bacteria.

After arriving back at the hospital, I was admitted with an IV in my right arm, leaving my left arm to be poked and prodded for more blood samples. I was brought up to a room and given antibiotics.

Dr. Chiang, an infectious disease specialist, came in to speak with me and said that since there had been no cases of meningitis recently, that was the least likely cause of the bacteria. Taking her professional word for it I went to sleep thinking I would be released the next day. However, I woke up on Tuesday to nurses in masks, and they weren't for Halloween.

My blood had tested positive for *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria, also known as meningococci. Anyone who came into my room had to wear a mask and there was a sign on my door that said to stay three feet away from me when in my room. Talk about feeling like a leper.

I had an ultrasound taken of my heart to make sure the infection hadn't spread there and after doubling my dose of antibiotics, I was taken off of quarantine. On Thursday I was sent home with an oral antibiotic and told to take it for ten days.

Elizabeth Lowery, who works for the Rappahannock Area Health District, came and spoke to me about my infection. She gave me information on meningococcal infections, including the fact that a very small number of people exposed to this organism develop a se-

rious illness from it, such as meningitis which is swelling of the tissues around the brain.

She also informed me that she had been in contact with the Health Department at UMW. You might remember an e-mail sent out to students and faculty about a student illness, well I was the "infected individual" of whom they spoke.

I gave her the names of people that I'd had close contact with, such as my roommates, so that they could receive Cipro, a one-dose antibiotic that would prevent them from passing the virus on to anyone else if they were the carriers. Everyone had to take it.

I could have gotten it just about anywhere too. It can be spread by the sharing of eating utensils, drinking or someone else, sharing a cigarette, kissing or just being in very close proximity to someone's face.

I didn't really know how serious of an illness this was until the information sheet Ms. Lowery gave me said 10 percent of the people who have this infection die even with appropriate therapy and 20 percent have permanent complications, such as hearing loss, brain injury, or loss of a limb. Meningitis is even worse and Dr. Chiang told me that's what the bacteria would have turned into if I hadn't gone to the hospital when I did.

From now on I will be throwing the idea of sharing out the window.

The week or two after I was released from the hospital I still felt very weak and woke up with bad headaches and suffered from minor ones throughout the day. I also had some joint pain that I had to deal with.

But after about four weeks since my illness, and two weeks since my last dose of antibiotics, I'm finally feeling like myself again.

I woke up on Tuesday to nurses in masks, and they weren't for Halloween.

—Stefanie Sky



Entertainment

"Casino" Cashes in on a New, Harder Bond

By: ZACH BOWMAN
Entertainment Editor

I have to warn you, I'm not a classic Bond fan. Maybe I just can't handle a character who's that smooth or wrap my mind around how somebody can possibly have luck that flawless. I'm perfectly satisfied with the possibility of an evil spirit infecting a man's hand forcing him to cut it off with a chainsaw that he will later attach to his arm in lieu of said hand, (aka "Evil Dead").

For whatever reason however, the idea of a man who can drive his '70s Lotus off a dock, turn it into a submarine, shoot down a helicopter piloted by the saucy brunette he was flirting with five seconds earlier, all the while making innuendo laden quips about the effectiveness of his missile is just too much.

It was with this skeptical eye that I approached the new double-o flick "Casino Royale." Much to my surprise, and possibly the chagrin of die-hard fans of the classics, the ever-cool, martini-sipping smart ass is gone. Daniel Craig, whose recent work includes the driver from "Munich," delivers a beginning Bond with all the trappings of, gasp, humanity.

The film opens with Bond struggling to take down his first mark. The gritty battle scene is painted in the heavy contrast of black and white as the two clash in a bathroom. Bond is forced to drown the life out of his opponent among the shattered porcelain and gushing faucets of their domestic battleground. This edge of your seat brutality manages to set the stage for the rest of the film.

The plot of the movie sticks fairly close to the precedent set forth by the forefathers of Bond. There's a girl (or two), an evil villain that cries blood, a high-stakes poker game, guns, lethal poisons, fast cars and exotic locations. What makes this film shine before its less illustrious predecessors though, are the small but effective tweaks writers Neal Purvis, and Robert Wade (both partially responsible for previous Bond flicks like "Die An-

other Day" and "The World is Not Enough") and Paul Haggis ("Crash" writer) perform on the mothball-ridden cliché that is the old Bond.

007 ditches his tired "shaken not stirred" martini for something with a little more punch when his poker game goes sour early in the match. Beyond his drink of choice, this Bond actually bleeds like any normal human would when poked with a machete. In fact, he probably bleeds during the course of the film enough to cover all of his invulnerable predecessors combined. From every close call fight scene we see James bloodied, bruised and patched up again. Purvis, Wade, and Haggis seemed to realize that a Bond that could withstand years of torture in a North Korean prison camp without any psychological or physical side effects lacked the emotionality required for audiences to really get involved.

Whether Bond was placing a \$5 million bet, suffering at the hands of his captors or struggling with the guilt of an innocent's death, the audience can put themselves in his tuxedo pants. Craig's brilliant acting, director Martin Campbell's appropriate camera work, and the writer's cues mix to produce a real, humanistic Bond. "Casino Royale" makes the Bonds that came before look more like Austin Power's fem-bots, sans machine gun jumbles.

Though all of this reality may detract from the Bond legacy for the hardcore fans (he even falls in love, no less), there's still enough of the classic to pacify, if not satisfy. Though this

Bond starts out driving the blasphemy that is a Ford 500 (one of the many shameless product placements), he quickly gets his lethal hands on a rolling piece of art that is a '60s Aston Martin. He steps it up in the means of firepower early in the film, swapping the classic Walther PPK pistol favored by earlier incarnations for a slight variation, the Walther P99. Craig manages to nail the classic smug smile of England's finest with an uncanny finesse as well.

Don't mistake Bond's gushing wounds or bruised ribs as indications of his inability to put up a fight either. This Bond is more than happy to take his license to kill for a drive without hesitation. There are still massive explosions, at least one demolition (in Venice, no less), more than one daring chase scene, and a classic matching of good versus evil wits, allowing this double-o to flex the mental muscle that always separated him from his blunt American cousin, Rambo.

A look at this film couldn't be complete without a look at Craig's

co-star, Eva Green, who plays Vesper Lynd. Green nails the straight-laced treasury worker who inevitably falls for the queen's secret agent. She manages to woo the audience as easily as she takes in Bond with her trusting eyes and quick wit. Green is the perfect emotional match to Craig's practiced detachment.

In the end, you'll just have to decide for yourself whether you still like your martini shaken or if, like this Bond, you need something a little harder.

Editor Review!

Males Strut For Mr. UMW

By: CAITLIN COGGINS
Staff Writer

On Nov. 15, the hottest of the hot males at the University of Mary Washington strutted their stuff with attitude in George Washington Hall. Anyone who thought beauty pageants were outdated and sexist had to change their minds after this excellent performance of dancing, talent, charisma and a surprising amount of stripping.

The show was opened by the charming hosts, seniors Stephanie Tait, Editor in Chief of *The Bulletin*, and Jay Sinha, president of the Student Government Association. They kept a running commentary throughout the show. Their witty banter also kept everyone entertained while the judges made their decisions. The judges, who included senior Dane Hernandez, senior Stephanie Parker, senior San-Min Yoon, senior Stephanie Bowen and Professors Singh and Eamhart, kept a running tally throughout the show, which they added at the end of each round.

In the first portion of the program, all of the contestants were introduced during a signature song and dance routine. There were also a variety of different escorts that accompanied the contestants in their dance routines. Sophomore Brent Cavado was escorted by his mother, senior Josh Rutherford had a rose petal path laid out for him, and Ben Miller was stripped of his jacket by his escort. Probably the most outrageous entrance was by junior Adam Thaxter, who was carried in on a litter

by his friends, who were clad in suits and sunglasses. Sophomore Brittany Cook remarked, "I laughed so hard I almost fell out of my chair."

After the initial introductions of the contestants, they did a choreographed dance routine, which was originally modeled after the actual UMW Dance Team's choreography. Then the competition moved into the talent portion of the program. Each of the contestants had to present their own unique skill to the audience and judges. The first contestant, Mr. Commuter, senior Eric Reingold, played the bongos for his talent. Things got a little more exotic when Mr. Westmoreland, junior Adam Holofecener, danced and played the Thai flute for his

talent. He then broke out into a rap song about Thailand, which the audience really enjoyed. Mr. Bushnell, Cavado, apologized to the audience because he intended to play guitar and sing for them, but he had decided to dance instead.

In true Napoleon Dynamite fashion, he danced around the stage and managed to get the audience really involved in his performance. Next was Mr. Virginia, freshman Antwon Washington belted out Rent's "I'll Cover You," and then did a swing dancing routine with a partner. The next contestant was Mr. Marshall, senior Evan Stepanick played a Stephen Kellogg song on his guitar, which was accompanied by a very interesting slide show. Mr. Madison, Thaxter, also sang and played the guitar.

Mr. Ball, sophomore Robby Adams, picked things up a notch with a traditional bamboo dance of the Philippines, where he and a partner danced and jumped over moving bamboo poles to Missy Elliot's "Lose Control." This was followed

by a monologue acted out by Mr. Alvey, freshman

Mark Browner. The crowd really enjoyed Mr. Custis, senior Josh Rutherford, and his imitation of Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back." Mr. Willard sophomore Sean O'Brien charmed the crowd with a song and dance routine. The audience then pretty much lost it when Mr. Randolph, sophomore Ben Miller, did a pole dance and stripped to Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger." The money thrown at him by sophomore Joey Merkel was fought over the rest of the night. For the final talent, Mr. South, sophomore Daniel Curran, attempted to double-dutch, a kind of jumping rope involving two jump ropes, which he seemed to have a bit of trouble with. The audience still seemed to really enjoy his antics.

The next round of the competition was sports-wear. Each of the contestants had to come out dressed in a particular sports outfit and show their skill in each particular sport. Some of the more standout sports outfits were Stepanick, riding a tiny little girls bike around the aisles to Chamillionaire's "Ridin' Dirty." Thaxter, was also a crowd favorite, after galloping around the auditorium on

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Congratulations to senior Josh Rutherford, Mr. UMW '06-'07!

the Spotlight

By WILL COPPS
Assistant Entertainment Editor

The first time I saw Boots Riley of The Coup was the most powerful experience I have ever had seeing a hip-hop artist live. I'm sure many of the hundreds of politicians in the room would say the same thing.

Riley got up on stage and just... talked. The talking turned into verse, with a full fledged rap slowly coming on as he was joined by former members of Wilco and Rage Against the Machine, rapping about media consolidation to a room packed full of government employees. His rhymes flowed, his views were well thought out, and his presence silenced the room.

The Coup consists of Riley and DJ Pam, also known as "The Funkstress." They've been around for

more than a decade, touring the country and putting out various albums.

Hearing that former Rage Against the Machine and Audiodave guitarist Tom Morello and others would be helping out on their new album, "Pick a Bigger Weapon," my expectations soared. However, with a few exceptions, listening to the album proved to be a major let-down.

"My Favorite Mutiny" is the first single and by far the most impressive track, featuring stellar contributions from Black Thought and Talib Kweli. Riley will remind those not familiar with The Coup of Andre 3000 from Outkast, with a similar tone and voice inflections.

At his best, Riley's rhymes are so good that you

might think it is actually Andre 3000 on the tracks. But those occasions are rare.

Riley often changes his voice and a lot of his rhymes fall flat.

It seems as if he is trying to break from being categorized with the more popular Andre 3000, but hurts his craft in the process.

As a result, both the performances and song structures are hit or miss throughout the album.

The funny side of Riley just isn't that funny here. It is hard to listen to four minutes of a song waiting for a punch line, but when that punch line isn't even funny, it's hard to even keep the CD in the CD player. Most of the jokes tend to lean on shock factor, which is fine on the first listen, but won't keep you coming back for more.



While Riley's lyrics sometimes take on deeper meanings than appear on the surface, it is just usually too hard to give them enough time to contemplate them.

The Coup is worth checking out, just give all the music a listen on MySpace before you consider buying the album.

Hear "My Favorite Mutiny" and more on
myspace.com/thecoupmusic

Overheard Krispy Kreme Giveaway Winners!

Thanks go out to everyone who submitted overheard for publication! Remember, it's never too late to send your funny or bizarre overheard to us. Email yours to future Entertainment Editor Will Coppas at wcopp4uw@umw.edu!

Junior Becca
Helsley

Freshman
Alexis Linder

Congratulations!

"Dead Fred" Gets Spark of Life in December

By STACY HORNE

Staff Writer

It may be dead Fred' most of the year, but the town seems to get a bit of resuscitation during the month of December.

Beginning this weekend, there will be lots of fun to be had depending on what you are looking for. Whether you are looking for cheap (FREE) fun or are willing to cough up a few of those parental dollars, the city offers something for everyone.

This Saturday, beginning at 5:30 p.m., downtown will be filled with floats, bands and dancing children for the annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center on Caroline Street and proceed up Amelia and finish on Princess Anne Street. This year's Grand Master will be 11 Budweiser Clydesdale Horses, which will start the parade and, of course, Santa will be the grand finale. The streets will be lined with spectators several hours before the event, so don't plan on driving in that area much after 3 p.m. Parking

will also be limited so plan on walking down to J Bryan's for your frosty beverage of choice.

For something a little different, why not try the Christmas Candlelight Tour? This will be the 38th year for this event, which is sponsored by the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation. This year's tour features eight properties located on Charles, Prince Edward, Amelia, Princess Anne and Fauquier Streets.

The properties are beautifully decorated to celebrate the season and are open for your perusal. The tour will run Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each in advance and can be purchased at the HFFI office and the Fredericksburg Visitor Center. The cost goes up to \$30 the weekend of the event. Proceeds support the preservation, protection and revitalization of the distinctive historic resources in the Fredericksburg area.

Finally, you don't need to look any fur-

ther than our own campus if

you want to hear some great holiday music.

First is the UMW Combined Choir Holiday Concert. It will be held in Dodd Auditorium on Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. Serving as a much-needed break before cramming for finals is the Holiday "Pops" Concert by the UMW-Community Symphony Orchestra on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. That will also be held in Dodd Auditorium.

All of the streets and stores down-



town are decorated for the holidays and quite a site to see when all lit up at night.

So be sure to take some time to enjoy what Fredericksburg has to offer this month. Fred' is sure to be dead again by the time you get back from break.

Contestants Take it All Off For Judges

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a fake pony. Rutherford, both horrified and delighted the audience with his "redneck" sportswear, where he dressed in full hunting gear, including a mullet. He then stabbed a Care Bear in the stomach with a pair of scissors, which had a mixed reaction from the audience. Another standout performance was Curran, and his idea of sportswear, which was a pair of sweatpants, a tee shirt, a bean bag chair, a bag of Doritos, Coke, and a Play Station. The contestant who actually got the biggest reaction was probably freshman Jacob Mitchell, who walked out with only two Frisbees duct taped to his body. Much to the horror of Sinha, he also wanted a hug from the host. "He looked absolutely ter-

rified, but he had a good laugh after," stated sophomore Jessie Busch.

This was the end of the first round of the competition, and the judges then decided who would continue into the next round. Of the 13 contestants, only eight would continue into the next round, which included evening wear.

Those chosen were Reingold, Washington, Stepanick, Thaxter, Adams, Rutherford, Miller, and Curran.

In the next round, the boys were asked to strut their stuff in their most snazzy outfits.

During this round, Mr. Ball Adams actually came out in a stunning evening gown and heels. Mr. South, Curran, however, seemed to misunderstand the label of

"evening wear," since he came out in footie pajamas and a sleeping bag.

The judges then made cuts for the final five contestants in the last round. The final five were Stepanick, Rutherford, Adams, Miller, and Curran. The final round consisted of a series of questions, which the contestants were to answer on the spot and be as charming as possible. All of the contestants were equally witty and funny.

Finally the judges made their final decisions. Mr. Ball, Adams, was the second runner up, Mr. South, Curran, won first runner up, and Mr. Curtis, Rutherford, was crowned Mr. UMW. When asked what he would do, now having won, he stated, "The first thing I'm going to do is buy an iPod!" and also that he was going to wear his sash to all his hall meetings so that "Everyone will know what's up."

His reason for entering the pageant to begin with was that it was his senior year and he wanted to live as much as he could. He definitely seems to be doing just that.

The Top 5 Best Ways to Put Off Preparing for Finals

By ANDY DRAKE

Staff Writer

1. Check people's AIM away messages

I don't know about you guys, but my AIM buddy list is just about full and I don't even know half of the people on it. That doesn't stop me from compulsively checking and rechecking everyone's away messages however. Neurotic? Probably. Obsessive? Most likely. Strangely entertaining? Most definitely. I may not have any idea who SoccerCasanova is, but I do know that he/she is at work and apparently still upset about the Jennifer Aniston/Brad Pitt breakup. This form of procrastination can be particularly crippling because most of the time, you don't even realize you're doing it until you're half way down the list and know a lot more about OoTiemyshoeOoO's "Krazy B-Day Partee!" than you do about whatever it is that you're supposed to be studying.

2. Watch daytime TV

They say that if drinking is interfering with your work, you're probably a heavy drinker. If work is interfering with your drinking, you're probably an alcoholic. I wonder if the same thing is true for TV watching. It's amazing the kind of crap a person can watch when it's one of the few non-school related activities immediately available. "Dharma and Greg," "Walker Texas Ranger" and "The Golden Girls" are all shows that I wouldn't be caught dead watching under normal circumstances. They start to look a lot more entertaining when you have a whole textbook to read because you put it off all semester, though.

3. Wikipedia

Wikipedia is an awesome place to go if you want information on just about anything you can think of. It also happens to be the biggest time-sink known to man. I like to think of Wikipedia as six degrees of separation on crack. It's the only place where you can start reading about Sylvia Plath and end up navigating yourself to a page about the Power Rangers. Wasting time on Wikipedia is also a great way to acquire vast stores of useless trivia to use against your friends and family. For instance, did you know that Arnold Schwarzenegger's father was a Nazi? Well I do, but only because I spent most of yesterday on Wikipedia instead of on my studies.

4. www.popcap.com

In times of great boredom, humanity has often turned to online flash games for entertainment, but few of those games have been as intensely addictive and time consuming as those found on Popcap's website. Of crack, Bejeweled is a timeless classic but my personal favorite is Insaniquarium. There's something about feeding an aquarium full of fish so they can poop out money, which in turn can be used to buy more fish food, or bigger guns to fend off the aliens that keep showing up that keeps me entertained for hours. Bookworm and Zuma are also fantastic ways to make those long hours of would-be study just fly by.

5. Go back to sleep

When threatened with some sort of danger, many animals will instinctively play dead in the hopes that whatever is after them will just go away. I have the same reaction when it comes to doing schoolwork. I can't count the number of times I've woken up with a school book laying precariously on my face, three or four hours after reading the first few pages. If you think about it, sleep is really the ultimate time waster; it also helps you replenish your energy so you can get back to more active forms of procrastination.

Band Buzzes Out Originality

By: JULIE SKARWECKI

Staff Writer

"The bird and the bee," a veritable newborn in the scheme of band-lives, was formed in 2005 when Inara George met Greg Kurstin during the recording of George's critically acclaimed solo album, "All Rise." After "Discovering a common love of jazz standards, nerding out and playing every song they knew," as they attest on their Myspace site, George set aside her solo career to form the jazz-inspired, electro-poppy duo band.

While "the bird and the bee" may be newly emerging, George and Kurstin are no strangers to the music world. The daughter of Lowell George, leader of the 1970's Southern rock band Little Feat, George started playing music seriously at age 19, and after playing with several groups in the Los Angeles area, finished her solo album in 2005.

Greg Kurstin is a much sought after producer with connections to Beck, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Peaches and the Flaming Lips, among others. His musical talents are multi-faceted, but he is perhaps most known for his talent on the jazz piano.

Together, George and Kurstin combined powers to create a symphonic pop sound reminiscent of artists such as Jem, Sia, and Zero 7, but never similarly enough to lack originality. Instead, the two lavishly and appropriately employ samplers, drum machines, and loops that provide experimental elements to their semi-psychadelic music. Lyrically, "the bird and the bee" keep it simple yet clever, with George's melodic voice creating a powerfully sweet factor sure to lure anyone in.

While at once sounding purely innocent, George fluctuates from song to song, particularly with the track "F*cking Boyfriend." A plea to her maybe-soon-to-be-



Photo courtesy of myspace.com/birandthebee.
Inara George and Greg Kurstin of "The bird and the bee" strike a pose.

someday boyfriend, George captures everything great about indie-pop: catchy hooks, a solid beat, and unrequited love.

"The bird and the bee" is currently touring the west coast with Sia, and plans to release their first album in January, 2007. Their EP, which includes the title track Again and Again, Because, and F*cking Boyfriend (Peaches remix), is currently available in all major record stores.

News

Debate Team Wins National Tourneys

By LAUREN BIRNEY
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington Debate Team scored two notable victories in national debates this past October.

Senior Scott Berry and junior Nick Ryan won the J. Weinberg Memorial Debate Tournament, which was held from Oct. 14 to 16, and junior Cassandra Carlton and freshman Amanda Gardner teamed up to win the Capitol Cities Debate Tournament the weekend of Oct. 20. The subject of both of these debates was Supreme Court jurisprudence.

The debate team members had to be prepared to discuss a number of important issues in relation to Supreme Court rulings, ranging from abortion to the war on terrorism. In preparation they researched and developed arguing points for why certain cases should or should not be overruled, trying to ensure that every possible point could be defended. The four landmark cases that the teams could discuss were U.S. v. Morrison, Planned Parenthood v. Casey, Milliken v. Bradley, and Ex Parte Quirin.

At the Weinberg tournament, held at the University of Richmond, Berry and Ryan competed against schools from all over the country, defeating Towson, West Georgia, Liberty and, finally, Boston College in the elimination phase to take the victory.

"This is the first time in a long time we've debated a legal topic, something like 11 years I think, the last several have mostly been foreign policy," said Berry, who has been on the debate team since his freshman year. "I prefer the foreign policy to the legal, but I still enjoy the legal topic."

Tim O'Donnell, the debate director for Mary Washington, noted that the demanding nature of the three-day competitions proved to be a challenge for both teams.

"It's a grueling and taxing experience," he said. "It's like playing twelve games in three days if you're a basketball team."

In the Weinberg competition, the preliminary phase consisted of eight rounds which collectively determine whether or not a team will advance to the elimination phase. In the elimination phase, teams are weeded out single-elimination basis.

Despite some stressful circumstances, the teams managed to pull through. O'Donnell noted that their strengths "were certainly their ability to marshal evidence and their strategic selection of topics."

The Capitol Cities tournament at Catholic University was a surprise victory for the team of Cassandra Carlton and Amanda Gardner, who participated in the Novice Division as first-year debaters against teams from a number of prestigious programs. Novices compete only against other first-years and are prepped for competition by the varsity team.

"The varsity team does all the work and research and production of files, and teaches us the

arguments and answers all of our questions. We couldn't have done this without them," Gardner said.

This tournament was only the second debate for the team, who had been to the debate in Richmond the week before.

Carlton and Gardner drew on their experiences from the Weinberg debate to help them with the Capitol Cities tournament, overcoming teams that had beaten them in the preliminary rounds and the Navy team that had a perfect record at the time.

"It was a real Cinderella story," Carlton said. "We were in the zone. We struck down team after team. My partner and I were on the same wavelength and everything just fell into place."

Not only did the pair make a comeback, they squashed the competition, even winning first and third place in the Speaker Awards. These awards are distributed before the elimination round is over and are based on quickness of explanations and sportsmanship. After beating two team members from Liberty University in the final round, Carlton and Gardner were elated.

"I told Cassie that we were the underdogs, and we had nothing to lose. We were really surprised when we beat them, but the feeling was great," Gardner said.

Carlton was also stunned.

"It was quite a shock," he said. "If you had asked me if I thought we were going to take the tournament earlier that morning, I would have said no. I knew we were good, but I didn't know we if we were that good."

The triumph of both teams over Liberty University was a special achievement. The debate team from LU has received national attention from national publications such as Newsweek.

"It was a good victory to beat Liberty because we're a relatively small program and they're a multi-million dollar program," said O'Donnell. The debate coach at Liberty has also been a speech coach for President George Bush.

"We had nothing to lose, but we took them down pretty hard and we could tell that they were surprised," said Gardner.

Through a great deal of research and practice, as well as direction from debate coach Adrienne Brovero and O'Donnell, the two teams gained experience and prestige in these two difficult national debates.

None of the participants could contain their enthusiasm for this exciting, if not nerve-racking activity. Berry encouraged his fellow students to become involved.

"Debate is addictive...debate acts like hyper-speed chess," he said. "It's all about knowing your strategy and being three moves ahead of the other team. If that sounds appealing, then policy debate is for you."

The debaters are gearing up to participate in their next big competition, which will take place at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

State May Soon Fund Emergency Plans

By JENICA SEMLER
Staff Writer

The Board of Visitors green-lighted a request for \$700,000 in state funds to boost University of Mary Washington's emergency preparedness.

School officials, acting in response to flooding and power outages sustained this August during Tropical Storm Ernesto, targeted George Washington's basement for emergency reconstruction efforts.

Governor Kaine declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth during Ernesto due to the storm's potential for resulting rain, wind and flood damage. Floodwater seeped through GW's basement floor, where a significant portion of the University's computer and network equipment is located.

Head of Information Technology Chip German said that no data or equipment was lost in the flood, but the risk for damage was real.

"The data center in George Washington Hall has always been susceptible to water," German said. "The facilities department actually monitored the situation 24 hours a day during the critical period, removing water whenever it appeared."

In the case of storms, loss of power is a problem that comes coupled with water damage.

The budget request, made by the University as a part of its budget development process this October, calls for two generators to back up the campus computer network. This is in addition to GW construction funds.

Currently the University has data centers and Information Technology at both of the campuses, and has a battery-based emergency supply of electricity at each place. The head-end of the University's Information Technology network, as well as some other important applications such as campus e-mail systems, are housed in George Washington Hall on the Fredericksburg campus.

According to German, both the University's primary administrative systems and Blackboard are housed on the Stafford campus.

"In the case of a Dominion power service interruption for some minutes power can be maintained, but outages any longer than that cause the systems in the affected location to stop operating—sometimes so suddenly that it is difficult to return them to service without major delays," German said. "The generators provide rapid replacement of electrical power."

UMW currently owns two generators that back up the police station and radio communication during power outages, although these are much smaller than the ones under request.

Vice-President of Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth underscored the need for emergency power.

"The operational requirements of our computer network rely on what's in the basement of GW," he said. "Without power we lose our network."

According to Wiltenmuth, the network remains in place despite the continued threat of water damage.

"It's still in operation, still in GW, and it will be for the next few years," he said.

Wiltenmuth acknowledged that the college has been watching the situation in GW with concern.

"We have observed in recent years an increase in the amount of water infiltration, likely due to the aging and degradation of the original waterproofing applied to the exterior of the basement walls,"

Wiltenmuth said. "Theoretically, waterproofing has a 50-year life span. Going by that, problems should have started occurring in 1988."

The emergency construction projects will be considered by the Governor for inclusion in his 2007-08 budget. Planning for the renovations should begin this summer after funding is procured.

Rick Hurley, vice president of administration and finance, expects the state funding to come through.

"I think there is a good chance that the Governor and the General Assembly will support this request," Hurley said.

Head of Information Technology Chip German expressed confidence in both the Governor and the State Assembly.

"I'm hopeful that they will regard this issue as worthy of support," German said. "In the work of higher education, the flow of information is the lifeblood of an institution. Anything we can do to keep information flowing—and to ensure that faculty, students and staff have continuous access to the information that they need—is about as vital as an issue can get."

Repair work will require excavation of the front side of the building to expose the basement walls, and Wiltenmuth expects the construction to impact traffic flow.

"Work on GW will have an effect on getting around campus," Wiltenmuth said.

"Anything we can do to keep information flowing... is about as vital as an issue can get."

—Chip German

Retirement On The Horizon For Health Center Director, Successor Unknown

By JILL CLARE
Staff Writer

When the position of Mary Washington College Health Center Director opened up in 1977, school officials contacted Dr. Ilma Overman, the first woman physician to practice in Fredericksburg.

"When I got the call asking me if I would be interested in the position, I thought, sure, why not," Overman said. "I can do anything for a year."

Now, 29 and a half years later, Overman is retiring.

As the Health Center Director, Overman has a working knowledge of nearly every case that comes through the Health Center, even though she does not have face-to-face interaction with every student.

"Most of the students here have a great sense of humor, even when they're sick," she said. "I really enjoy the interaction I get with the students, and that's what I'll miss most when I leave."

Overman graduated from Mary Washington College in 1965 with a degree in premedical sciences. From there, she worked in Dahlgren for a year in the Department of Biological and Chemical Warfare.

"Whenever I tell people that, they assume I was involved in making some kind of stuff for germ warfare," she said. "It wasn't that at all. We were developing ways of detecting agents so that we could protect our own servicemen."

After a year there, she went back to school to earn her doctorate at the Medical College of Virginia, which has since merged with Virginia Commonwealth University. After that, she returned to work at Dahlgren for a while, then went to work as an assistant for a pediatrician, eventually breaking away to start her own practice in Fredericksburg.

She then moved to a public health clinic, covering eight surrounding counties. There, she specialized in maternal and child health, and birth control.

After leaving there, she got the position at UMW and has been here ever since.

"I can't imagine having done anything else with my life," she said. "I'm really going to miss it."

Overman remembers UMW when it was still Mary Washington College, and still an all-girls' school. She has seen many changes in trends since her first few years here.

In her first winter as Student Health Center Director, the Naval Academy brought a Russian Flu epidemic to campus. At the time, the Health Center had beds for students to stay overnight if necessary. Every single one of the 53 beds was filled with sick students.

"It was a real trial by fire," Overman said. "Then, the next winter, we had an outbreak of a gastro-intestinal virus, and students were lying on the floor on pallets and on gurneys waiting for a bed."

About ten years into her career at UMW, the

Health Center made the transition from being open around the clock to its current hours. This initially made Overman anxious.

"I was worried that something horrible was going to happen, but I think I was the only one really concerned," she said. "The students handled it beautifully."

UMW was the last Virginia state-supported school to stay open nights and weekends, according to Overman.

The biggest change Overman has witnessed in her time at UMW has been in students taking an active interest in their own health and well-being.

"Students seem to have a much better idea now of how they should take care of themselves," she said. "They know how to use self-care. Seventy-five percent of students we see do try to help themselves before they come in. Before, students would come in at the drop of a hat."

Overman also noticed fewer unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases than when she first started her position.

Upon retirement, Overman wants to back to the community through volunteering. She also plans to spend time with her pets, and travel the world.

"After a six-month nap, I'd like to sail the Greek isles," she said. "Realistically though, I'll probably stay home and dream about the Greek isles."

At the end of this semester, Overman will end her nearly thirty-year run. It is expected that her successor will be hired by spring semester.

"It's been a great ride and I wouldn't have missed it for the world," she said. "I hope my successor enjoys it even half as much as I did."



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Ilma Overman

Frawley Gets Raise In Pay

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Even without the recent raise, Frawley was already making more than former UMW president William Anderson, who retired in 2006. Anderson received \$291,058 in his last year, after working at Mary Washington College for 23 years. UMW senior Andrew T. Lamar stated in George Whitehurst's March 2006 article in *The Free-Lance Star* that he feels as though the President is being paid sufficiently.

"If I really believe Frawley was the best and brightest [among candidates], we have to be ready to compensate him accordingly," Lamar said.

In comparison to other colleges and universities in the state of Virginia, Frawley's salary is right in line. Paul Tribble, the president of Christopher Newport University, makes \$396,631 a year. Gene R. Nichol, president of the College of William & Mary, who started his job last year, makes \$326,126 a year. Radford University President Penelope Ward Kyle, who also recently started her job, makes \$296,501 a year. Longwood University President Patricia P. Cormier makes \$252,284 a year.

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p.s. happy birthday, aiden.

Viewpoints

Sexclimations Our Joy Juices

By Daniel Ceo, Staff Writer



Lately, a popular discussion topic around these parts has been the anti-contraception propaganda that has

shown up around campus. While I think the pill is fantastic, there is some validity to the pheromone argument that these people are making, and any new chemical that is introduced into the body inevitably comes with side effects, which may or may not be desirable.

After doing some research, and having a conversation or two with my psychologist father, it's become quite apparent that our sex lives and even our love lives are directly controlled by a handful of biological brain and chemical chemicals.

I like to call them our "joy juices." These juices are responsible for our feelings, emotions and actions and even assist us in the selection of a suitable mate. So, as much as we like to blame all sorts of external influences for the problems in our lives, maybe something to consider is bad body chemicals.

Dopamine is a brain chemical that acts as a major player in the pleasure system in the brain. It's associated with many primal human emotions such as lust, aggression and fight or flight and comes with feelings of intensity and the desire for more. Humans enjoy sexual activity and narcotics because of the dopamine released during the process.

Serotonin also has to do with sexuality, as well as mood and sleep. Low levels of serotonin can lead to sleeplessness, anxiety and depression. Antidepressants involve increasing the brain's production of serotonin, but have been proven to lead to suicidal thoughts and a decreased libido.

In regards to sexuality, these are two brain chemicals that reinforce the human instinct that sex is good and is something to be pursued.

On the other hand, the chemicals oxytocin in women and vasopressin in men address sexuality from a different end of the spectrum. In women, oxytocin is released into the body during childbirth and upon stimulation of the nipples during breastfeeding and produces a warm, fuzzy, euphoric feeling.

In both sexes, oxytocin is also released during orgasm.

This joy juice, also known as the cuddle chemical, is also linked to human bonding and is said to be involved in the forming of trust between partners. Ever notice how the more you have sex with someone, the closer and more attached the two of

you become? Oxytocin/vasopressin may be to blame. In addition, blood concentrations of

oxytocin have been reported to be higher in people who believe to be falling in love.

Another benefit of oxytocin is that it combats stress by lowering blood pressure and cortisol levels, reducing anxiety and increasing one's pain threshold.

While the existence of human pheromones has yet to be confirmed, there are a handful of scientific studies that strongly suggest their existence. A great example of the presence and influence of pheromones is from a study done in 1971 by Martha McClintock. Her study simply showed that when a group of women with no prior interaction with each other were put together in one location for an extended amount of time, such as a dorm room, their menstrual cycles synchronized.

Another very interesting study involves humans' attraction to each other via the sense of smell. Members of a group of males and a group of females each slept in a T-shirt for two nights and members of the opposite sex were to smell the T-shirts and rate the shirt's smell based on the factors of pleasantness, sexiness and intensity.

The results of the study showed that the T-shirts that were most liked by the women belonged to the men who were deemed most attractive. Their attractiveness was determined by a measurement processes called fluctuating asymmetry.

Oddly enough, the men in the study as well as the women who were on the contraceptive pill showed no strong scent preferences.

Another study out of Stockholm showcased how certain areas of the brain, most notably the hypothalamus, light up on a brain imaging scan when sweat from the opposite sex is smelled. The study even showed that gay men respond in the same way that women do when exposed to the olfactory stimuli. In the brains of the gay men tested, the same areas lit up during exposure to male sweat as they did in the female subjects.

So, while many aspects of life such as environment and social influences play a direct role in our love lives, much of it also comes down to simple biology and the mammalian process of finding the best possible mate to continue our genetic material.

We live in a day and age where we alter the chemical makeup of our bodies on a daily basis, whether it's from caffeine, contraceptives, nicotine, pharmaceutical drugs or narcotics.

So I suppose my point is this: pay very close attention to both the chemicals in your body, and the chemicals you put into your body, because much of our satisfaction of life is directly dependent on our joy juices.

Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

It's a Friday night and the temperature is 34 degrees outside. Triple that and it's what your body reads on the inside. (That's 102 for you non-math majors.) By 8 p.m. a critical decision needs to be made: do you hit the town or just hit the sheets?

Last winter I was hit with a stint of mono. Thing is, I didn't even know I had it until I came back from Thanksgiving break. Running between classes, practice and *The Bulletin* office, I answered the dreaded call from my doctor. Orders were in: no consumption of alcoholic beverages or hard blows to the spleen for the next month.

As Dion from Clueless would say, "Well, there goes your social life."

But I wouldn't let my seemingly hopeless diagnosis—my body saying "I'm overworked and overtired"—stop me. I looked at my short amount of time I had left (here for the remainder of the semester, not on planet Earth) and chose to attend every social event before break. Besides, that weekend was the first annual Christmas party hosted by my girls in Idlewild.

Initially, it was a bad idea. As friends were swinging from the chandelier, I was in the corner shoving brownies in my mouth (turns out mono doesn't curve the appetite). The accidental spot where I chose to mingle was right under the mistletoe. The absence of Christmas punch from my hand got guests gossiping about me; the water-drinking Grinch. Soon the word was spread that my kiss would spread a humbug around the party.



Venturing out with a liver-destructive disease naturally made me the DD. During the holiday season when way too many drunk people are out on the road, I was happy to do it. Plus you call the shots on when to peace out and your vote for late-night Wawa automatically wins over the majority of hands in the backseat for Wendy's. But take trips back and forth to pick up party-goers; I learned this rule the hard way when I packed six friends in my Chevy Cavalier. As I nicely asked my passenger to remove her stiletto heel jutting into my side, I thought of the bright side: I'd be off driving rotation for awhile when we came back to school.

I found it empowering to be the only one holding the keys at a party. But I didn't let standing on the sober sidelines lessen my aggression.

At Christmas Cocktail Party number two of the night, I confessed my three-year feelings of admiration to a graduating senior in plain and simple terms: "I think you are the hottest guy at our school." I figured he wouldn't remember and future awkward encounters would be averted, observing he had 10 percent of his wine bottle left.

You'll be noticed if you're out and under the weather—whether it's good or bad attention is hard to judge. Hearing, "Honey, you look tired," translates to, "Man, sorry you came out looking like s5\$5." Then again, a cute cocktail dress, dim lighting and blurred vision can do wonders for swollen glands.



Even under the weather, you can attend the end-of-semester parties.

Tierney Plumb-Bullet

"Sex" Is Not All Bad

The following two letters were written in response to "Sex Sucks," (Nov. 16, 2006, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

First, let me start off by saying "Sexclimations" is the highlight of my week. In our college world of sleep-inducing lectures and barely digestible Nest (and Seaco) food, opening up the paper every Thursday and seeing that article is refreshing, even if some of the articles are by the never-subtle Daniel Ceo.

In last week's paper, multiple people wrote in condemning "Sexclimations" for its "[misrepresentation] of the student population," its "generalizations" and its apparent tendency to give visitors the wrong impression about our school.

To those people, I say: get a clue. Most of us would like to think that we live in a society mature enough to handle discussion of touchy topics, such as sex, without throwing a fit. The youngest people on this campus are about 18; do you really think that they don't discuss sex with their friends? Furthermore, they're probably having it.

We are adolescents, and for most, that means we are sex-crazed. Of course, other things matter to us. We might love to read, or have a certain passion for eating, or have a fascination with political debate. Whatever the case, we still like sex. If there are articles about our other various obsessions, doesn't it seem logical for there to be an article on the one obsession we all share?

Eliz England is a wonderful writer who confronts our favorite taboo topic with a fresh attitude. In response to the protester who asked why she gives advice even though she lacks credentials, why do the other staff writers write articles on subjects other than their majors? Surely, they lack the credentials to be writing about such things!

England is not forcing anyone to listen to her, nor is she forcing you to read her article each week. She is giving advice the best she can based on her own experience, and what more could any-

one expect? In addition, she always provides the counterpoints and encourages safe sex, should her readers choose to engage in sexual activity at all. One protester said maybe she should write about the consequences of sex, and England does this.

However, her articles don't focus solely on the consequences because then "Sexclimations" would be an anti-sex column, and that is definitely not the point of her weekly articles.

Lastly, the one article on everyone's minds: that porn column. No one can accuse Ceo of beating around the bush. He is straight to the point and fervent (like most other guys) about his love of porn. And, ladies, I hate to say it, but what is really so wrong with that? Ceo did not encourage porn additions or pedophilia, he didn't even encourage porn itself, he made a statement and meant it (nothing more).

Most guys love porn. And most women love sappy movies. We learn to deal with the idiosyncrasies of the opposite sex and porn should be treated no differently. Even some women like porn, and no one seems to attack them.

Ceo uses generalizations, and he acknowledges it. Not once does he say "all women..." or "all men..." He says "most," and he gives credit to the references from which he garnered his statistics. If you have a problem with Ceo's generalizations and stats, complain to Cosmo, not the *The Bulletin*.

Jessica Leiman is a sophomore.

Dear Editor:

The recent sex column on pornography elicited quite a response from some members of the student body, and I can understand the indignation these people felt. It is not unthinkable that pornography elicits certain damaging stereotypes about women, men, sex and relationships.

I have my own criticism of the sex column, however: it is simply too vanilla. The fact is that

Maintain Dorms

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lighting and patio furniture create the illusion of a garden

nook." (Alvey's History of Mary Washington College 1908-1972, p. 480-81). The stairways are still there, but the floor is hard tile, the library is gone, and the "garden nook" is now a dull TV room lit by blue fluorescent ceiling fixtures.

The reason for the decline is complex, but today part of the reason we don't have oriental rugs, leather furniture and elegant lamps in our dorms is that violent drunken idiots on rampages might trash it all. I saw it in Russell Hall last spring, when at 3 a.m. someone hurled a wooden chair from the interior balcony and smashed a window. So here I plead the student body: Don't screw it up. Respect your dorm. I do believe, however, that the cost of vandalism is outweighed by the benefits of better dorm interiors.

As I said earlier, I am more apprehensive about constructing new buildings. The article mentioned an idea to put an addition on the back of Jefferson; wouldn't that come destruc-

tively close to the Civil War-era lunette? Another idea was a building approximately where the outdoor basketball court (aka "The Cage") is now.

Not only do I fear that we would lose an informal sport space permanently, but I think a building there would just be ugly and would mess up the aesthetics of Framar House. An addition between Mason and Randolph (on top of the "tunnel," I assume) could work, but only if done carefully and sensitively. This is the key: any new buildings or additions must be done very carefully and sensitively to fit into the beauty of the campus. This doesn't mean making a poor imitation of the existing building styles, but complementing them.

My final point is that in all of this work—refurnishing, renovation and construction—students must be significantly involved. We must demand to know what ideas are on the table, what the status of projects is, and we must demand to have a say in what the furniture is like, what the dorms look like and where new structures are built. We are the primary users, and we know more about our space needs and desires than anyone else.

Tom Roberts is a sophomore.

we all know where to find pornography, and those of us who desire to look at it have already done so — we do not harbor any qualms about its place in our lives. To discuss it in a public forum like *The Bulletin* comes off as an attempt to shock people, not to educate.

Last week's column on birth control, while informative and timely in light of the recent proliferation of propaganda from the Christian right, wasn't really about sex per se, but simply a rebuttal of the misleading campaign of Project Plus. This is important, but it is not exactly about sex, is it? Sex is a fascinating topic, but the fact is that most of the student body knows everything it needs to know about "normal," heterosexual sex.

I think that a stellar column would be one that evidences clear attempts by the columnists to re-

search and write about the not-so-accepted forms of human sexuality. Where are the columns on bigamy, fetishes, bondage, discipline, sadomasochism, homo-, bi- and even asexuality?

Where are the columns on gay pornography? (Might our esteemed columnists experience arousal at the sight of men going at it?) Or polyamorous relationships?

Where are the columns that really do open up arenas of sexuality heretofore unknown to the majority of the student body?

Now there's a column I can appreciate: one that might shock me and my peers, but which educates us about forms of sexual expression that we have not considered.

Isaac Knowles is a senior.

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Sports

'Phenom' Hits Wrestling Ring

Behind Suit and Tie, UMW Assistant of Residence Life Also Professional Wrestler

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

When Phil Stamper was ten years old, he dreamt of becoming a professional wrestler. Almost twenty years later this assistant director of residence life is known underneath the shirt and tie as wrestling persona Phenom Phil Stamper.

Stamper, 29, may work at the University of Mary Washington to pay the bills, but he insists his passion has always been wrestling.

"I'd been a fan since I was ten years old and when I was twelve or thirteen I wrote a letter to the big wrestling promotions at the time asking, 'How do I get in, this is really cool,'" he said.

Growing up, Stamper idolized wrestlers like Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake and Chris Jericho, but never imagined he would one day meet the likes of The Rock, much less step inside the ring.

Although Stamper, a Frostburg State University graduate, began working behind the scenes at wrestling shows, it was a health scare that provided the motivation to pursue his dream.

Faced with the threat of cancer at 21, Stamper decided it was "now or never" and enrolled as a student at Wrestle Mania in Baltimore. According to Stamper, he eventually received a clear bill of health, but continued to immerse himself in the wrestling world.

"For me, wrestling is more than a hobby and it's a humongous part of my life," he said. "But I don't know if wrestling will ever pay for my way of living. I've gone to places where I've worked for nothing and other places where I've gotten hundreds of dollars. The most difficult thing is that wrestling isn't a very stable industry."

Despite juggling two professions to make a living, Stamper has earned several wrestling titles, including tag champion for a promotion in Canada and regional heavyweight champion for another promotion in New England.

With a background in Judo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and amateur wrestling, the Maryland native made a smoother transition into WWE-style wrestling than other hopefuls who lacked the training. Stamper's wrestling name also came easily.

"A friend of mine had the name Legend and people thought that was off the hook," he said. "I was trying to think of a name similar to that and I came up with Phenom. But people who knew me started saying 'Why don't you use your real name, no one will think Stamper is legitimate anyway.' So I changed it to Phenom Phil Stamper and that stuck."

Stamper has gone by a few random names as well, most notably as Lieutenant Commander Phil Stamper for a promoter who loved Star Trek. A fan himself, Stamper said he even dressed the part.

"I wrestled in a Star Trek costume," he said. "That happened one time. Just once."

While Stamper isn't known for such rare per-



Courtesy Phil Stamper

Phenom Phil Stamper performs the Chinese Torture Rack on opponent Cloudy. Stamper, who dreamed of being a professional wrestler when he was a little kid, tag teamed with Lucky against Cloudy and his partner, Cheech.

"My parents didn't like me doing even amateur wrestling," he said. "They had known I was working behind the scenes but it wasn't until I had been in it three or four years that I showed my dad a tape of me wrestling and my mom has never seen my wrestle. She would be too nervous. But I know my parents support me in what I do. My mom was a fan of Hulk Hogan so she's okay with what I'm doing. She knows I'm going to keep my head on straight and not do anything too crazy."



"I wrestled in a Star Trek costume. That happened one time. Just once."

- Phil Stamper

However, Stamper also acknowledges the inevitable risks that come with wrestling. Throughout his career, "Phenom" has suffered through a partially slipped disk in his back and persistent tendonitis in both wrists. According to Stamper, his most annoying injury occurred after another wrestler was slammed on top of him. His bottom teeth went halfway through his bottom

lip.

According to Stamper, the dangers of professional wrestling are very real, despite the entertainment side of the sport. While showmanship does play a part in his performance, Stamper said the real actors are the commentators and managers who add lib the majority of their show each night while maintaining a high level of enthusiasm and charisma.

While Stamper learned techniques to please the crowd, at just over 5'5" he also had to perfect the athletic side of his craft from the beginning.

"When I first was in training there were a lot of people doing the high flying stuff and my trainer said that doesn't make sense for a smaller guy," he said. "So I would take out someone's knee and work on that and then they wouldn't be able to power back up."

Despite his small stature, Stamper quickly earned a reputation in the ring.

Wrestling manager Spencer Jawitz, also a promoter and friend of Stamper's, agreed.

"He doesn't do anything flashy or need to do three thousand flips to get a crowd behind him," Spencer aka Dean Ripley said. "He is very methodical and uses his experiences in the Martial Arts in his wrestling. Down in the tri-state area, Phil has a reputation for someone who will be there and give the fans a show."

Stamper is not only respected by fans, but by fellow wrestlers as well. He credits part of his success to wrestling friend Joey Nelson aka Chance Prophet.

"I got into a promotion at West Virginia and [Chance Prophet] told everyone there, 'If you mess up when you wrestle with [Stamper], he'll find a way to hurt you and make sure you are in pain,'" he said. "Two or three months later I found out he told them this but it did give me more respect because guys knew I could hold my own."

Although Stamper has mastered multiple facets of wrestling, his interests don't end there. Originally interested in becoming a drug and alcohol abuse counselor for the dependents of abusers,

Stamper found a position in residence life at the College of Misericordia, and has remained in the field ever since. According to Stamper, a mass communications major, the production side of things has always interested him as well. Stamper has also done work as a wrestling commentator, trainer and referee.

Stamper's position at UMW is time-consuming, but he still manages to work out at a Richmond gym once a week. Until Stamper is no longer physically able, this wrestling phenom has no plans to quit.

Phenom Phil Stamper's Famous Finisher Move:

* A Gator Breaker to a Front Face Stunner to a Tazmission *

"You lock the person from behind in a Dragon Sleeper and drop them to your knee. While they're dazed you then turn onto their front and rest their head in your arms. You bring them down to your knees that jolts them and lock in a tazmission chokehold."

- Phil Stamper

formances, he is recognized as a technical wrestler with a signature "finisher combination" move. Wrestling throughout the East Coast and Canada, Stamper has competed for as many as 1,000 fans in venues ranging from sports arenas to high school gyms and parking lots.

Despite performing for fans all over the country, Stamper said he has yet to wrestle in front of his parents.

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Sports

Basketball Rallies For Home Win

Eagles Beat Shenandoah, 80-69

By JEREMY JORDAN
Staff Writer

Down 7-6 in the early minutes of Monday's game against Shenandoah University, University of Mary Washington juniors Amanda Bates and Liz Hickey worked the pick and roll better than Stockton and Malone.

Hickey rolled to the basket, took a bounce pass from Bates, and scored the basket and one.

The Hornets regained the lead soon after at 12-11. This marked the last time the Hornets had a taste of the lead the rest of the game.

However, senior Lisa Tracy acknowledged Shenandoah's intensity throughout the contest.

"They've gotten a lot better than they were last year," she said. "They got on the boards, they out-rebounded us... they played really aggressive and they were hitting open shots."

Despite the Hornets' attempts on defense, the Eagles promptly went on a 16-0 run over the next five minutes. The run started harmlessly enough with a jumper from junior Sarah Flanagan off an assist from senior Debbie Bruen. The duo reversed the combination soon after with Flanagan assisting Bruen for a lay-up.

Hickey tacked on another three-point play to the run before sophomore Katy Larson increased the Hornets' troubles with a steal. Larson took it coast to coast for the lay-up and foul. After another Tracy jumper the lead was out to 27-12 with nine minutes to play in the half.

Unlike last year's meeting, Shenandoah didn't go out quietly. Three 3-pointers in the closing minutes of the half brought the score to 43-34.

According to head coach Deena Applebury, better coaching from Shenandoah contributed to the relatively close score.

"They got a new coach, a new philosophy and their style is very similar to ours, so it was a good back and forth game," she said.

Hickey agreed.

"[Last year] the Hornets were an athletic team but they didn't play as a team unit and they didn't have a structured offense or defense," she said. "We knew that having a new coach would help them a lot."

Whatever the reason, the Hornets did not back down at the start of the second half.

Applebury said the initial minutes after halftime were crucial.

"The start of each half is important to come out strong because that really sets the tone, it sets the tempo for that half," she said.

It was in fact the Eagles that came out firing. A Tracy jumper was quickly followed by another from Hickey. Hickey put in 17 points in all with Tracy adding 11.

Bruen added two free throws to start the second half with a 6-0 run. Bruen led the game with a 21 point performance.

The Hornets didn't score for the first four minutes of the half.

However, Tracy was not surprised by Shenandoah's drought.

"I think a lot of times our team ends up being a second-half team," she said. "I think that coming out strong defensively is something we like to do."

The Eagles still couldn't shake free of the Hornets, who eventually cut the lead down to six. Bruen, though, responded just 16 seconds later with a lay-up. Thanks to several key free throws, UMW held off the Hornets for a 80-69 victory.

Hickey also pitched in 11 rebounds in the win. The Eagles are once again the favorites in the

Capital Athletic Conference, but according to Applebury, CAC teams are never easy.

"There are a number of teams that can beat us on any given night," she said. "We just try to take it game by game. All [my] kids are very grounded, and I don't think they're overlooking anybody. We understand what it's like, we've been there. We understand what we have to do to be able to get to that point and we know we have to take care of business every single game."

The Eagles are now 4-1.



Lauren Boston/Bullet

The women's basketball team regroups during Monday's game against Shenandoah University. Behind senior Debbie Bruen's 21 points, the Eagles won their season opener, 80-69.

UMW Undefeated In Early Play

By STEPHANIE POTTER
Assistant Sports Editor

With the loss of only one player to graduation and the rehabilitation of backcourt senior A.J. Fitzgerald, the University of Mary Washington men's basketball team is already thinking about the CAC Championship.

Last year, the Eagle men celebrated their most successful run in school history, finishing with an overall record of 15-11 and advancing to CAC semifinals. They currently hold the school record for overall wins, boasting 76 victories in just four years; the highest in its 35 year history at the school.

According to head coach Rod Wood, this season looks just as promising.

"We're excited about this year," he said. "We're having five starters back and seven of our top eight players, so that's nice. We also have a nice recruiting class, which adds depth to the team we haven't had in the past."

In addition to some talented fresh faces, the Eagles will have the help of All-CAC selection and multiple school record-holder senior Mike Lee and senior Justin Baker, the Eagles finished their regular season last year with a home loss to York College of Penn.

In the 2004-2005 season, Lee emerged as one of the top players in the nation, leading the CAC standings at 20.7 points per game and ranking nationally in three-point baskets.

Lee also set the University's single game records in three categories, including most points scored (40), most points in a home game (37), and most three-pointers made (11), in addition to breaking the season record for the most three-pointers made. This year, Lee added a spot on the

All-CAC Second Team to his long list of credentials.

Guard/forward Baker will also lead the Eagles this season, sharing the spotlight and earning a spot on the All-CAC first team and the All-Middle-Atlantic Region third team.

Despite a few setbacks in the team's lineup and a tough schedule, Wood said his team's depth will

The Eagles face a season on the road, playing just eight games with a home advantage. UMW kicked off the 2006 season with a series of wins against Messiah College and Dickinson College as part of the Pizza Hut Tipoff Tournament.

Their next win was also on the road against North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC.

Wood explained the difficulties of life on the road.

"It's tough," he said. "We play twelve of our first thirteen games on the road, and we only have one home game in the first semester. We only have a total of eight home games the entire year."

However, Wood remains hopeful for his team's lineup, and looks forward to another exciting season on the paint.

"The nice thing about this year is we have such a veteran group, and we have everybody back," he said. "I don't have to throw freshmen out there to hang themselves. A lot of the times [in the past] we had to throw freshmen out there because that was the best we had. We're able to bring [freshmen] around slowly."

"We don't have to throw them out there to the wolves. If they make a mistake or a team starts to exploit their weaknesses, we're able to get them out so it doesn't hurt us and they're able to learn a lot slower than teams of the past."

Although Wood is optimistic, he also remains uncertain about a new team rival, Hood College, and a nationally-ranked opponent, Embury Riddle

University.

"Our conference schedule is better than it's ever been because the teams are better," he said. "Hood [is] a top fifty team in the country, so its not like we've added somebody that was an easy victory for us. That's going to be difficult."

In addition to facing Hood College, UMW is also going to Daytona Beach and Orlando over winter break to compete in the Land of Magic Classic.

According to Wood, Embury Riddle, ranked fifth in the country NAIA, is hosting the tournament. The team also boasts a strong coaching staff and scholarship players.

Although the Eagles have to face opponents like Embury Riddle on the road, Wood stressed the importance of school support for the team's morale.

"In the past five years, we have had the best fans in the Capital Athletic Conference," he said. "They come out in droves to support us, and we need that help more than ever this year."

"We only have one home game the first semester, and we need everybody there. It's our only game and it's going to be a big game. We need that support. Our guys deserve the right to play in front of a packed house and I think the student body will be proud of the effort they see out there."

UMW has yet to disappoint the fans this season, undefeated after their first four games. The Eagles beat Marymount University last night, 73-64, in their CAC opener. Baker led UMW with 19 points, five rebounds and four assists. The Eagles put a shooting clinic behind the arc, going 11-24 on the night.

Following Wednesday's performance, the Eagles play their first home game against Hood College Saturday at 2 p.m.

"We're able to bring [freshmen] around slowly. We don't have to throw them out there to the wolves."
- Rod Wood



Courtesy Clint Offen

help. "What's going to happen, I have no idea," he said. "Our conference has gotten much better, and we're going up against some of the top teams in the country. We're still in need of a low post presence. One of the things we weren't able to correct last year was that we didn't have much depth at any spot, [but] we do now."

Upcoming Events



Dec. 2 - Men's Basketball vs. Hood, 2 p.m.

* All other games before winter break are away

Athlete of the Week

Senior Amy Carlson was named Division III National Swimmer of the Week